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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION MONDALE VISIT

1. MAY 18 ABC (CONSERVATIVE) HEADLINE QUOTES VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE: "THE FORCES OF DEMOCRACY ARE
NOT IN DECADENCE"--MONDALE AND SUAREZ DISCUSSED
SPANISH POLITICS." ABC LEAD ARTICLE DESCRIBES MEETINGS
AND QUOTES VICE PRESIDENT AIRPORT REMARKS. ABC
EDITORIAL SENT SEPTEL.

2. MAY 18 YA(CATHOLIC CONSERVATIVE) HEADLINES:
"WALTER MONDALE, RECEIVED BY THE KING" AND "SPANISH-
AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE A BASIS OF STRENGTH, SOLIDITY,
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION." TEXT QUOTES MONDALE
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OPENING REMARKS AND DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES MAY 17.
"IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESIDENT SUAREZ
OUTLINED THE SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY THAT REASSERTS
A NEW INTERNATIONAL ROLE. AMONG OTHER TOPICS
ADDRESSED WERE RELATIONS WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
AND THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE REPORTED ON THE SITUATION ON THE AFRICAN

CONTINENT AND IN THE MIDEAST AND SET FORTH WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE THE BASIC LINES FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICTS IN THIS REGION. IN THE FIELD OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, PRESIDENT SUAREZ AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TALKED ABOUT THE PERSPECTIVES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, OPENED WITH THE RECENT VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT (SUAREZ) TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON."

3. MAY 18 EL PAIS (LEFT CENTER): "THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY REAFFIRMED AMERICAN SUPPORT TO THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION SPAIN IS PASSING THROUGH CURRENTLY..." REMAINDER OF ARTICLE REPORTED MOVEMENTS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS VICE PRESIDENT AND INTERLOCUTORS.

4. MAY 17 PUEBLO HEADLINES: "SUAREZ AND MONDALE, TWO HOURS TOGETHER -- THE MEETING WITH THE KING LASTED MORE THAN SIXTY MINUTES -- DURING THE LUNCH IN THE MONCLOA PALACE, THEY (SUAREZ AND MONDALE) EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES," ARTICLE OPENS: "IT HAS BEEN SAID ALREADY. THE TWENTY-TWO HOURS OF MONDALE IN MADRID HAVE NOT ADDED ANYTHING SPECTACULAR TO THE REMODELED SPANISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT, HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE KING -- MORE THAN AN HOUR -- AND WITH PRESIDENT SUAREZ REPRESENT MORE A GESTURE OF POLITICAL GOODWILL WITH WHICH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHITE HOUSE WANTS TO SHOW ITS SUPPORT TO SPAIN'S ROAD TOWARD DEMOCRACY, THAN A 'SUMMIT' BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. A COURTESY VISIT AND LITTLE MORE." REMAINDER OF FULL-PAGE ARTICLE REPORTS MOVEMENTS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. ITEM. RYLANCE

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